

ANS Board of Governors
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To the Board of Governors of the
American Numismatic Society

Gentlemen:

On the occasion of his visit to our Museum during the past summer, one of our members made the very generous offer to contribute \$250 annually towards the salary of a worker who should be engaged in enlarging and keeping in order the valuable collection of mounted illustrations of coins begun several years ago. This collection has now reached a number approximating forty thousand, and is very valuable in looking up collections connected with Greek and Roman coins. It has not gone beyond this point for lack of means to continue the work.

It was requested that the name of the member who made this offer be withheld. It will be seen that this offer was conditional upon others contributing the amount necessary for the work,-approximately \$2,000 per year.

Because of the demands which are going to be made upon our income in connection with the addition to our building, and also because there are other needs,-such as an electro plating plant,-which are perhaps even more vital than this, it may seem questionable wisdom to attempt to take advantage of this offer at the present time.

During the past winter we had one voluntary worker who gave time to this card file, and it is possible that the work will be continued during the coming winter; but at best the total time spent was but a few hours weekly. If the Governors can suggest some method whereby such an assistant can be provided without interfering with the support of other branches of our activity, it is felt that there will be great advantage to our members in having the file kept up-to-date.

Respectfully submitted